



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Children and Family Services

At its meeting held November 12, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Director of Children and Family Services' recommendation to authorize the Director to work with the Director of the California Department of Social Services in seeking authorization for the Secretary of the United States Department of Health & Human Services to conduct a Title IV-E Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration Project, pursuant to the Social Security Act, to expand the range of solutions and services to respond to the safety and permanency needs for children and families; and authorize the Director to negotiate the terms and conditions of the Title IV-E Demonstration Waiver.

Virginia Wells, Directing Attorney, of the Children's Rights Project, Miriam Krinsky, Director of the Children's Law Center and Tony Bravo representing Local 535, addressed the Board.

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Supervisor Antonovich made a recommendation that the Board support the Director of Children and Family Services' attached recommendations, and requested the Department to work with community agencies, such as the Children's Law Center and Association of Community Human Service Agencies, to help develop the waiver request.

Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

"I support the initiative of the Department of Children and Family Services in seeking authorization from the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration Project here in Los Angeles County. Being granted the waiver will enable Los Angeles County to have greater flexibility in the use of Title IV-E dollars, thereby enabling increased community collaboration and application of various programs. However, because of fiscal uncertainties at the State and Federal levels, it is important that our Board be kept apprised of discussions, terms and financial safeguards."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Board adopted the Director of Children and Family Services' attached recommendations as amended to:

1. Instruct the Director of Children and Family Services to work with community agencies, such as the Children's Law Center and Association of Community Human Service Agencies, to help develop the waiver request;
2. Instruct the Director of Children and Family Services, in conjunction with the Chief Administrative Officer, to provide the Board with ongoing status reports of the negotiations with the California Department of Social Services and Federal Department of Health and Human Services; and
3. Instruct the Director of Children and Family Services to apprise the Board of the terms and financial safeguards in place, prior to the final agreement.

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Attachment

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